



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act**

On August 23, 2022, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida*, Civil Action No. 4:22-cv-10070-JLK.

The Consent Decree resolves claims against the Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida (d/b/a Keys Energy Services), Michels Corporation, and Michels Power, Inc. for recovery of damages under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, 16 U.S.C. 1443(a)(1), arising from utility work relating to Keys Energy Services Line 4 conducted near Rockland Key, Florida, between October 14 and December 20, 2017 that destroyed sea grasses in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the claim for \$1,800,000.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-12301. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by e-mail or by mail:

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During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

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